GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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UPGRADATION OF SC/ST AND OBC SUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any centrally sponsored scheme for the upgradation of merit of SC,ST and OBC students;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State wise; and

(c) the number of students from these categories covered under the above scheme in the Bihar and other States as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) & (b) The Central Sector Scheme of Upgradation of merit for SC/ST Students only provides 100% Central Assistance to States/UTs for arranging remedial and special coaching for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Students studying in class IX to XII. Special coaching is also provided to prepare students for competitive examinations for entry into professional courses like engineering & Medical. A package grant of Rs. 15,000/- per annum per student is given under the scheme. The break-up of this amount is as under:

(i) Board & lodging charges Rs. 500/- per month for 10 months = 5,000/-

(ii) Pocket money @ Rs. 100/-for 10 months = 1,000/-

(iii) Books and Stationary = 2,000/-

(iv) Rs. 7,000/- per year per student for honorarium to principal, Experts and other incidental charges.

Besides the above, students with disabilities are eligible to the following additional grants:

(a) Reader allowance of Rs. 100/- per month for blind

(b) Transport allowance of Rs. 50/- per month if the disabled student does not reside in hostel within the premises of the Educational Institutions.

(c) A special allowance of Rs. 100/- per month to any employee of the hostel extending help to a severely orthopaedically handicapped student, residing in a holstel managed by the educational or by the State Government/union Territory Admn. who may need the assistance of a helper.

(d) Escort allowance of Rs. 50/- per month for severely handicapped day scholar students with lower extremity disability.

(e) Allowance of Rs. 100/- per month towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students.

(c) The number of SC/ST Students covered under the above Scheme during the years 2000-2001 to 2002-2003 upto 13.3.03 including Bihar are given in the Annexure.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Part Â© of the Lok Sabha USQ No. 3291 for 13.3.2003 (Number of SC & ST Students covered unde the Scheme of Upgradation of Merit during the years 2000-01 to 2002-2003 up to 13.3.03)

Sl.No.	Name of State	2000-2001		2001-2002		2002-2003 (Upto 13.3.03)	
		SC	ST	SC	ST	SC	ST
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Nil	Nil	277	Nil	203	Nil
2.	Arunachal Pr	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	45
3.	Assam	Nil	Nil	Nil	59	92	Nil
4.	Chatisgarh	28	Nil	112	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	Goa	10	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	Gujarat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Haryana	64	Nil	64	Nil	64	Nil
8.	Himachal Pr	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil
9.	J & K	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	14
10.	Jharkhand	35	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
11.	Karnataka	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	188	Nil
12.	Kerala	Nil	Nil	20	5	20	Nil
13.	Madhya Pradesh	112	Nil	Nil	Nil	490	172
14.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.	Orissa	Nil	Nil	Nil	68	122	136
16.	Pondicherry	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
17.	Punjab	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18.	Rajasthan	Nil	Nil	86	47	Nil	50
19.	Sikkim	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	10	5
20.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
21.	Tripura	8	Nil	8	16	Nil	Nil
22.	Uttar Pradesh	Nil	Nil	276	Nil	275	Nil
23.	Uttaranchal	16	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
24.	West Bengal	62	Nil	Nil	30	248	72
	Total	345	Nil	711	226	1712	494